Madison County Highlights

**Master Gardeners** – There were 20 adult participants in the Master Gardener program, totaling at 1341 hours.

**Madison County 4-H** – 960 youth participants, along with 159 adult volunteers were a part of 40 4-H clubs. Due to their involvement in the Madison County 4-H Program, adults, youth and communities learned about leadership, citizenship, life skills and the philosophy of “To Make the Best Better.”

**4-H Cloverville** - Recently conducted and invited the community and 4-H Club members, friends and families for an afternoon of fun, prizes, make-it-and-take-it, hands-on activities and recognition. Approximately 250 people attended the “4-H Cloverville Stores.

**4-H CARTEENS** – A bimonthly program offered through the juvenile court system to help first-time traffic offenders receive a reduced sentence by attending a two-hour educational program. Directed by one adult key leader and 10 youth volunteers, the program taught 85 youth and worked toward the goals of reducing the number of repeat juvenile traffic offenders, decreasing the number of teen traffic offenders and increasing teen awareness of traffic/vehicular safety.

**Office Associate Spotlight!** – Madison County is very pleased with the work of their Office Associate as of late. Participating in projects such as; finishing up new website, developing committee scholarship form, placed bulk 4-H order, updated youth opportunity forms, revising 2015 project guidelines, excellent fiscal work, and many other things that have helped make things run smoothly at the Madison County office! Great Job!
Buckeye Voices: Keith Smith and OSU Extension
(Source: onCampus)

In honor of OSU Extension’s 100th anniversary, retiring Director Keith Smith reflects on Extension’s many successes and shares his hopes for the future: “There is no shortage of need for Extension’s unique ability to bring the knowledge of the university to the people, so they can better their lives, businesses and communities.”

-- > Read full article: buckeyvoices.osu.edu/

Website Launch

Congratulations to all those persons who updated the new websites for your unit. They are looking very nice, and I understand that putting information on the site is much easier than it was in the old format.

Remember that the templates shared at the initial training were to be shared with others in your unit so they can update documents for you to upload on your new sites. For the rest of us, training will be provided to other staff in the upcoming months, but until a person participates in training they are not to be working on their unit sites.

Boot Camps Schedule 2015

The Boot Camps (Journal Writing, Curriculum Development, and P & T) will be offered state-wide again in 2015. Each boot camp has six – 5 hour sessions (9am-3pm). Every session includes training and technical support for participants as they complete a personal work session. The goal is to prepare professionals to be successful in developing publications, designing formal curriculum and developing strong dossiers. The cost will be $120 per participant to cover the cost of materials and food. The boot camps will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Vicki Myers at: myers.26@osu.edu. Just let her know which boot camp interests you (sorry only 1 per year). Sign up soon--- space is limited!

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University Outreach and Engagement Recognition Awards accepting applications

The Offices of Outreach and Engagement, International Affairs, Service-Learning, Student Life and Undergraduate Education have joined together to recognize faculty, staff, students and community partners with the University Outreach and Engagement Recognition Awards program. Awards will be given in the community engagement, international engagement, service-learning, staff, student, student group and community partner categories. A total of $21,000 will be awarded. Applications are due Feb. 16.

To submit an application: [http://go.osu.edu/oeawards](http://go.osu.edu/oeawards)

Contact: 247-7795 or [outreach@osu.edu](mailto:outreach@osu.edu)

County Highlights Reminder

As you saw on the first and second page, we are starting a weekly county highlights sections to the newsletter. If you are unaware of when your county is due to send in information, check the schedule below. I will send out reminder emails the week before your information is due.

- Franklin: Dec 1
- Fairfield: Dec 12
- Delaware: Jan 5
- Knox: Jan 19
- Marion: Feb 2
- Madison: Dec 8
- Pickaway: Dec 22
- Licking: Jan 12
- Morrow: Jan 26

Outreach and Engagement Grant Opportunities… (Source: Mark McCann)

OSU CARES/OSU Extension, the Service-Learning Initiative and the Office of Outreach and Engagement are pleased to offer this year’s OSU CARES/OSU Extension Seed Grants, Service-Learning Grants, and Engagement Impact Grants to support scholarly engagement efforts of university faculty and staff.

This year, we have more than $300,000, to support programs that establish and expand innovative, creative, scholarly engagement to address compelling challenges and critical needs in communities.

Information on the grants is available at [http://outreachgrants.osu.edu](http://outreachgrants.osu.edu), and on the attached Grant Comparison.

**Proposal Deadline is Monday, February 16, 2015**

If you would like some additional information, please feel free to contact Mark McCann (mccann.249@osu.edu) and we ask that you share this information with your colleagues.